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Iran-Iraq War

Military Situation -- Heavy fighting continued near Basra, with both sides claiming victory. An Iranian revolution guards communique carried by Tehran radio said Iraq made a "feeble attempt" to launch a counteroffensive early 15 July, which was repulsed by the Iranian forces. Iran claimed in various Tehran radio reports that T-72 tanks were destroyed, 6 enemy planes were downed and over 700 prisoners were moved away from the front. Tehran radio reported that Dehloran was bombed by Iraqi aircraft and IRNA said that Eslamabad was also hit.

Baghdad radio carried an Iraqi Armed Forces communique which claimed that a new Iranian offensive east of Basra was repulsed and that the enemy "fled in panic." An earlier communique carried by INA claimed that Iraq had completed the "purge" of enemy forces from Iraqi soil. INA reported that 450 prisoners were taken to Basra and a spokesman said almost 5,000 Iranians were killed and nearly 100 tanks were lost by the Iranian forces since the invasion began. Two Iranian fighters were shot down by Iraqi planes, INA reported, and one Iranian plane was downed early 16 July, Baghdad radio claimed.

Iraqi accusations -- The Khomeyni "clique" prepared for the attack against Iraq under the cover of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and in cooperation with Syria and Libya, an Iraqi Armed Forces communique carried by INA asserted. The communique said that just when Iran invaded Iraq, Syrian planes intensified activity on the western border to try to distract Iraq.

Egyptian Comment -- In a press conference Egyptian President Husni Mubarak gave jointly with visiting FRG Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, MENA reported that Mubarak said he is against the Iranian invasion of Iraq and he is helping Iraq as much as possible to defend itself.

Lebanon

Syrian Position -- Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad rejected the request by U.S. President Ronald Reagan for Syria to accept the PLO fighters in Beirut, Monte Carlo radio reported citing a letter Al-Asad sent in reply to Reagan. Furthermore, Syrian Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam asserted in Nicosia that Syria "categorically refuses" to receive the Palestinians, the radio claimed.

Diplomatic Front -- U.S. Ambassador Philip Habib met with Lebanese Chamber of Deputies Speaker Kamil al-As'ad, after which Al-As'ad said there is no tangible progress in the Beirut settlement, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. In a television interview reported by Beirut radio, Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan reiterated that a unified Lebanese position is essential for a successful settlement of the crisis. He said the evacuation of Palestinian fighters is an issue which is almost settled and that the question remains how and where.

Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine head Nayif Hawatimah called for Soviet troops to be sent to Syria, AFP reported citing an interview with the Paris paper LE MATIN. he said the troops should be sent under the joint Soviet-Syrian agreement and the PLO will only leave Beirut if Syria accepts the fighters. PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat said a Palestinian withdrawal to Syria is still under consideration, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Meanwhile, Nicosia television carried a message by 'Arafat to the Nonaligned Coordinating Bureau conference in Nicosia in which he criticized the lack of effective action by the Nonaligned Movement. The Israeli invasion will be a dangerous precedent if no action is taken, he said, and pressure should be put on the United States by the nonaligned countries.

Military Situation -- "Guarded calm" continued on the fourth day of the latest cease-fire, with sporadic exchanges of gunfire, Beirut radio reported. Voice of Lebanon noted that the Palestinian Resistance took advantage of the situation by reinforcing positions in west Beirut and mining roads. Jerusalem radio reports PLO "terrorists" have recently begun to operate against IDF units from Syrian-controlled territory. The radio quoted an unidentified "senior officer" who said it is an "insufferable situation" and if it continues, "we will be forced to stop it."

Sharon Comment -- Although he enumerated the Israeli reasons militating against an attack on west Beirut, Israeli Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon told a Knesset meeting that the military option still exists and that time for a political solution is limited, Jerusalem radio reported.

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KABUL REPORTS REBELS 'CRUSHED' IN PAGHMAN

LD161710 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 10 Jul 82

[Text] A large number of the counterrevolutionaries -- enemies of the people, the homeland and the revolution -- have recently been crushed in Paghman District by the armed forces and the sarandoy with the cooperation of the patriotic people of Paghman. As a result, some 200 criminals were arrested and 4 of their ringleaders were eliminated.

The BAKHTAR correspondent, on the basis of statements issued by the security forces, reports that some two (Zigodo), four large-calibre machineguns, a number of antitank and antipersonnel mines, hundreds of various light weapons, rocket launchers and 19,000 rounds of ammunition have been seized.

The correspondent also reports that the working and noble people of Paghman District along with the officers and men of the armed forces, the sarandoy and of the revolution guards held a glorious meeting on the occasion of crushing these murderers who endangered the peaceful life of the people of this district.

At this meeting Mer Saheb Karwal, head of the Central Zone, conveyed the greetings and best wishes of Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolution Council, to the noble and working people of Paghman and said: The PDPA and the DRA Government have resolutely decided to rebuild as soon as possible what has been destroyed by the rebels and to secure a peaceful life for you.

The secretary of the Kabul provincial party committee, the Kabul governor, and officer of the armed forces and a member of the revolution guards spoke in turn at the meeting.

(Golabuddin), an inhabitant of (Chandal-Bayee), Paghman District, then spoke on behalf of the noble and working people of the district and expressed their desire for the implementation of the lofty objectives of the revolution.

At the end of the meeting, the noble and working people of Paghman, carrying national flags and party banners, marched in the streets chanting the slogans: Death to the rebels! Death to the enemies of the revolution! Victory to the revolution! Ahead for the complete elimination of the rebels!

According to another report, after the march goods were distributed to the noble and working people of Paghman.

PDPA, GOVERNMENT DELEGATION VISITS PAGHMAN

LD142014 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 14 Jul 82

[Text] An important DRA party and government delegation today visited various locations in the Paghman District about the restoration and repair of this summer resort for citizens of Kabul.

The delegation, led by Mer Saheb Karwal, head of the Central Zone; Satar Pordeli, chairman of the trade unions; Abdol Ghafar Lakanwal, chairman of the peasants cooperatives; Dr Nabi Kamyar, minister of public health; cultural group of the Ministry of Information and Culture; the secretary of the provincial party committee; the governor of Kabul; the administrative president of the Council of Ministers; and heads of antiaccident, rural development departments and Afghan Red Crescent Society, has visited various locations in this region.

Greeted with the enthusiastic welcome of the noble people of Paghman District, the delegation inspected the merciless destructions of the rebels -- enemies of the prosperity and well-being of the noble people of Afghanistan, and gave instructions to respective officials.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that the delegation instructed the respective officials to take immediate action for the formation of a cultural club and an organization of artistic groups in Paghman resorts for Fridays and public holidays as soon as possible for the rest and recreation of Kabul citizens and other compatriots, and to provide better facilities for rest and recreation for the people in Paghman.

The DRA party and government delegation gave instructions to the officials in charge to take action for the immediate restoration of schools, libraries, mosques and hospital in Paghman which have been mercilessly damaged by the enemies of the revolution, and to provide better facilities for the maintenance of health, education and normal activities of the people of Paghman District.

The DRA head of peasants cooperatives also spoke with the working peasants of this region about the formation of peasants cooperatives and cooperation with the peasants of Paghman District, which they warmly welcomed.

KARMAL RECEIVES PAGHMAN REVOLUTION GUARDS

LD160514 Kabul Domestic Service - Dari 1600 GMT 15 Jul 82

[Excerpt] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, this morning received and was warmly welcomed by the revolutionary guards who had been sent to Paghman District on 18 April, and spoke to them in a friendly and comradely atmosphere. Also present were Brig Gen Gol Aqa, vice chairman of the Revolutionary Council Presidium and head of armed forces political affairs; Mer Saheb Karwal, head of the Central Zone; the secretary of Kabul provincial party committee; the governor of Kabul; and [words indistinct] of the PDPA Central Committee.

In his opening speech Babrak Karmal said: On behalf of the PDPA Central Committee, the DRA Revolutionary Council, the Revolutionary Council Presidium, the Council of Ministers and myself, I present warm and militant greetings to you heroes -- you, the men and builders of the new and blossoming Afghanistan. Babrak Karmal then asked the revolutionary guards and the audience to stand up and observe a minute of silence in honor of the martyred comrades of the revolution.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that Babrak Karmal then continued his talk and shed light on [words indistinct] evolution of human society and the class struggles of the people, and said: Comrades, what makes our heroes eternal in the history of the Afghan revolution is that you have taken a brave position in the vanguard of the defense of the revolution.

Babrak Karmal added: I carefully read the report on your resistence in Paghman District. This high spirit, courage and bravery which you share with your other cofighters has created an epic and will forever live in the hearts of future Afghan generations.

Addressing the revolutionary guards, Babrak Karmal said: Valiant youths like you have made revolutions victorious. You, the proud comrades of the [words indistinct] government and all people of Afghanistan, have managed despite all difficulties to stand against the counterrevolutionaries and have displayed bravery and courage.

Babrak Karmal added: In accordance with the particular historical, national [words indistinct] domestic and foreign conditions, the process of revolution in some countries is short and in others long. The process of revolution in Afghanistan has been prolonged by external conditions and by the aggression of international imperialism, led by world-devouring U.S. imperialism and Chinese hegemonism. We must resist all [word indistinct] and difficulties.

We are confronted with an undeclared war. Each day the trained counterrevolutionary forces infiltrate into our country from Pakistan in order to prevent the people from living in peace and (?working) for the creation of a new and blossoming society.

Babrak Karmal added: What is important is that the revolutionary legality be consolidated nationwide in Afghanistan. We must build the local and national administration. We must try to consolidate our links with the masses and the toiling people through contact with them and explain to them the main objective of the revolution and the policy of the party and Government of Afghanistan.

Babrak Karmal explained the mission of the revolutionary guards to secure the party's links with the people and emphasized the need to strengthen the armed forces in order to foil the aggression and interference emanating from outside the frontiers of our country. Babrak Karmal said the success of the revolution depends on the consolidation of the unity of the PDPA, and added: Despite all difficulties and hardships, you defended the revolution in the fortress of death and life in Paghman District. I address you and, through you, ask all militants of the PDPA to consolidate the ranks of the party even more strongly.

In conclusion Barbak Karmal said: Once again, from the bottom of my heart, I say that you are not only a source of pride and honor for me, but for the PDPA, the DRA Government, the toiling people and the future generation of your society. I have complete confidence and an honest belief that our future generations will live in a prosperous, tranquil and comfortable society.

MUJAHIDIN ROUT SOVIETS, AFGHANS IN PAKTIA

GF141210 Karachi JASARAT in Urdu 10 Jul 82 p 1

[Text] London, 9 Jul (AAP) -- The mujahidin have killed Azad Khan, the commander of the 18th Afghan military unit, along with his subcommander, two Soviet advisers and 50 Karmal soldiers. The freedom fighters also destroyed two Soviet helicopters and a missile-carrying military vehicle moving from Kabul to the Afghan border with Pakistan.

According to news received, Kuchi tribal guerrillas fighting under the Islamic Alliance of Afghan Freedom Fighters [Ettehad-e Eslami] inflicted heavy losses on the 18th military unit of the Afghan Army on the road between Chamkani and Sherpur during a 6-hour fire-fight. With antiaircraft fire, they also downed two Soviet helicopter gunships that had appeared overhead in retaliation for the mujahidin attack. One guerrilla fighter destroyed a missile-carrying military vehicle on its way to the Afghan border with Pakistan from Kabul. The vehicle was mounted with BM-13 missiles and was moving near Gardez when it was destroyed by mortar fire. More than 12 Karmal soldiers riding in the vehicle were killed.

Bitter fighting is underway between the mujahidin and Karmal troops in the Panjsher Valley. According to some Western observers, Karmal soldiers stationed in the valley are having a very difficult time holding onto their positions. The Karmal troops entered the Panjsher Valley 3 months ago.

SOVIETS REPORTEDLY KILL 70 NEAR QANDAHAR

GF121446 Karachi NAWA-I-WAQT in Urdu 5 Jul 82 p 10

[Text] London, 4 July (AAP) -- Soviet forces killed 70 citizens in the (Pashmol) locality of Qandahar city on 22 June. The Soviet soldiers surrounded the locality and subjected the population to severe shelling, turning many houses to rubble. The dead include a large number of women and children. Earlier the mujahidin had attacked a place called (Sarpozah Pul) on 22 June and killed five communists of the local military garrison. A day earlier they shot and killed a police officer at this point. On 20 June the mujahidin destroyed a Soviet tank with rockets at (Makyaz), killing its crew and one passerby.

TURKISH MILITARY DELEGATION ARRIVES IN DACCA

BK150015 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 14 Jul 82

[Text] A five-member Turkish military delegation led by Secretary of the Ministry of National Defense Gen Celal Bulutlar arrived in Dacca this afternoon on a 3-day good-will visit. The delegation was received at Zia International Airport by the defense secretary, the chief of general staff of the Bangladesh Army, the (?deputy) chief of the Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Air Force and other senior civil and military officials. The Turkish ambassador in Bangladesh was also present at the airport.

NEPALESE FOREIGN SECRETARY HOLDS TALKS

BK121726 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Jul 82

[Text] Formal talks between Bangladesh and Nepal were held in Dacca today. The Bangladesh delegation at the talks was led by Foreign Secretary A.H.F. Ataul Karim, while the Nepalese side was headed by the visiting Nepalese foreign secretary, Jagdish S.J.B. Rana. The two sides reviewed in depth the problems in the implementation of the agreed decision of the Bangladesh-Nepal joint economic commission. The talks were held in the atmosphere of utmost cordiality and friendliness and were attended by the secretaries and additional secretaries in charge of concerned ministries and divisions and other senior officials.

Nepalese Foreign Secretary Jagdish Rana this morning paid a courtesy call on the chief martial law administrator, Lt Gen H.M. Ershad and remained with him for some time. Earlier he called on the deputy chief martial law administrator and chief of the naval staff, (?Rear) Admiral M.A. Khan.

Rana also called on Foreign Minister A.R.S. Doha. They discussed a wide range of subjects covering bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest to the (?two) countries.

Ends Visit; Views Talks

BK140047 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 13 Jul 82

[Text] Nepalese Foreign Secretary Jagdish Rana has expressed the hope that the third conference of the regional foreign secretaries will lead to giving a concrete shape to the formation of the regional forum for cooperation. The conference takes place in Islamabad early next month. Talking to newsmen before his departure to Colombo today at the end of his 3-day visit to Bangladesh, Rana said the conference will bring about positive results. [passage indistinct]

FORMER ENVOY APPOINTED INFORMATION MINISTER

BK021718 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 2 Jul 82

[Text] The chief martial law administrator today appointed former Bangladesh Ambassador to Burma Syed Najmuddin Hashim as a member of the Council of Ministers. He has been given the portfolio of the Ministry of Information.

ZAIL SINGH DECLARED SEVENTH PRESIDENT

BK151157 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1035 GMT 15 Jul 82

[Special bulletin]

[Excerpt] Zail Singh has been declared elected the seventh president of India. The result was announced around 1615 this afternoon by the returning officer, Sudarshan Agarwal. He had a lead of 471,428 votes over his only rival, H.R. Khanna. Zail Singh polled 754,113 votes and Khanna 282,685. The percentage of total votes secured by Zail Singh was 72.7.

RAO MEETS IRANIAN, IRAQI COUNTERPARTS IN NICOSIA

BK160728 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 16 Jul 82

[Text] External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao had separate meetings with Iranian Foreign Minister Velayati and leader of the Iraqi delegation (Ahmed Yasin Al-Samirah) in Nicosia. Rao and the foreign minister of Cuba and Pakistan, who together met Velayati, urged Iran to end its offensive against Iraq as a first step toward a solution. The Iranian foreign minister is reported to have said that military operations against Iraq would end only when Tehran's terms for halting the Gulf war have been fulfilled.

The Iraqi leader told Narasimha Rao that his country is prepared for peace talks without prior conditions. Narasimha Rao is in Nicosia to participate in the emergency meeting of the Coordination Bureau of the nonaligned countries.

DRA-CONVICTED BRITISH ARCHEOLOGIST IN DELHI

BK141427 Hong Kong AFP in English 1413 GMT 14 Jul 82

[Text] New Delhi, July 14 (AFP) -- A British archeologist detained by the Afghan authorities for the last four months in Kabul on smuggling charges flew in here today looking weak and shaken after his experience.

Ralph Wilson, 63, was escorted from Kabul by a British High Commission official.

The Afghan media had earlier announced that Dr Wilson had been found guilty of smuggling art treasures out of the country and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

He was not allowed to see any British Embassy official during his detention and was handed over to an embassy representative at the Kabul airport this morning, High Commission sources said here.

"I hope I will be able to recall my experiences of the last four months as well as my previous archeological work there," he said, saying he was happy to be out of detention.

Dr Wilson had been working as head of the British Institute of Afghan Studies in Kabul since 1977.

Dr Wilson had previously worked as keeper of oriental antiquities at the British museum in London. He was unable to explain the reasons for his sudden release by the Afghan authorities.

Asked about reports that he had pleaded guilty during his trial in Kabul, Dr Wilson admitted he had done so but preferred not to discuss the reasons behind it.

NEPAL

RANA TO HOLD SOUTH ASIAN COOPERATION TALKS

BK111335 Hong Kong AFP in English 1102 GMT 11 Jul 82

[Text] Katmandu, July 11 (AFP) -- Nepalese Secretary for Foreign Affairs Jagdish Rana left here today on a 10-day swing through Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives and India for talks on next month's South Asian regional cooperation conference in Islamabad.

Mr Rana, in his capacity as the chairman of the South Asian group, is to hold talks with his counterparts on bilateral and international matters.

In Dacca he is also scheduled to meet Chief Martial Law Administrator General Hussain Mohammad Ershad and Foreign Minister A.R.S. Doha.

Mr Rana is scheduled to return Katmandu on August 1 via New Delhi and proceed to Islamabad on August 3 to attend the meeting.

In the forthcoming meeting in Islamabad the reports prepared by the different working groups in the areas of cooperation on transport, postal, services, scientific and technological cooperation, and economy and trade will be discussed.

During the last meeting in Katmandu in November 1981, the group agreed to initiate action on these issues in greater depth at the Islamabad meeting.

One of the important aspects of the Islamabad meeting will be to recommend the holding of the regional foreign ministers' conference and decide the venue, which is expected to be Male, the Maldives capital.

SRI LANKA

20 TAMIL YOUTHS ARRESTED FOR KILLING POLICEMEN

BK141517 Hong Kong AFP in English 1502 GMT 14 Jul 82

[Text] Colombo, July 14 (AFP) -- Sri Lanka police have arrested 20 youth in connection with the killing of four policemen earlier this month in [words indistinct] northern Tamil minority region.

The DAILY NEWS today said police also knew the identities of all 10 gunmen who shot the policemen at point-blank range in an ambush.

Investigations have revealed that the suspects, believed to be members of a militant Tamil secessionist group, had planned the ambush after studying the movements of the mobile patrol which called regularly at a temple close to the scene of the shooting, the newspaper said.

The militants, armed with [words indistinct] guns and revolvers, sprung their ambush and immediately surrounded the police vehicle.

When the three policemen in the back of the vehicle alighted they were immediately cut down by gunfire.

Two others fired at the officer in charge of the Point Pedro police station, seriously wounding and killing the driver.

TABRIZI: IRANIAN WITHDRAWAL IF SADDAM RESIGNS

TA151524 Ankara ANATOLIA in English 1510 GMT 15 Jul 82

[Text] Ankara, 15 Jul (AA) -- Iranian Ambassador to Ankara Mohammad Ganjidost and Islamic scholars of Qom theological academy (Duz Duzane) and Musavi-Tabrizi held a joint press conference here Thursday to mark the last Friday of Ramadan as "Jerusalem Day" in line with a decision of Ayatollah Khomeyni's. "The Jerusalem Day should be a day of raising the awareness of the Muslims," Khomeyni had said.

The three said the fight against the Israeli attack on Lebanon should be through armed action and through political solidarity and propaganda.

In reply to a question, Iranian officials said in case Iraqi head of state Saddam Husayn resigned, Iran would withdraw her forces from Iraqi soil and give up her demands for payment of $150 million [as received] of indemnity for losses in war.

They also said Turkish-Iranian relations were developing.

MATERIALS CONCERNING OPERATION RAMADAN

Joint Communique

LD151232 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1035 GMT 15 Jul 82

[Text] The third joint communique of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran was released today, as follows:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. In the name of God, the crusher of oppressers. God's greetings to the justice-seeking combatants who, with their sacrifices, shout about the salvation of all the oppressed and with their bravery and sacrifices fulfill God's wish, which is the defeat and disgrace of aggressors and oppressers. The greeting of the combatants of Islam to the heroic and champion people of Iran who, with their constant and all-embracing support for the battlefronts, are as ever the vanguard of the struggles of the world Muslims and oppressed against world oppression and the mercenary lackeys of the East and West. Greetings to the commander in chief of the forces, the imam of the nation, the dear Khomeyni, who with his prophet-like leadership guides the Islamic revolution toward the liberation of the world oppressed and by propagating Islam is preparing the ground for the reappearance of his excellency the remnant of God, the lord of the ages, may God speed his auspicious advent, and glory to the Islamic nation on International Jerusalem Day, the day of unity and solidarity of the world Muslims against the number one enemy of Islam, occupying Zionism and its lackeys.

O Muslim and martyr-nurturing people of Iran; O Muslim and oppressed people of Iraq: The combatants of Islam, with reliance on the great God and with faith in victory to the point of martyrdom [as heard], have started the extensive Operation Ramadan with the aim of carrying out operations on the border regions in continuation of the defense of the Islamic revolution and the Muslim and martyr-nurturing people of Iran and to prepare the ground for the salvation of the oppressed people of Iraq. The combatants of Islam will carry out the operations with the blessings of God and his excellency the remnant of God, step-by-step and stage-by-stage, to win their just demands and humane, Islamic aims.

During an operation last night the martyrdom-seeking braves of the forces of Islam penetrated enemy positions on one of the axes, destroying 21 enemy tanks and capturing about 70 enemy troops.

At 0630 today the enemy made a feeble attempt to launch a counteroffensive, using infantry and armored forces with artillery support. However, the enemy confronted strong resistance by the forces of Islam and was forced to flee after losing more than 10 tanks and a number of vehicles.

The defeated enemy also feebly attempted to recapture its lost positions and fortifications on one of the axes yesterday, but met strong resistance by the combatants of Islam.

During the extensive Operation Ramadan the combatants of Islam have killed several of the Ba'thist, Zionist mercenaries of Iraq, have wounded many of them and have destroyed several enemy tanks and personnel carriers. On one of the axes alone, 20 modern T-72 tanks equipped with 125-mm guns and rocket equipment were destroyed. Several T-72 tanks were also captured intact by the victorious forces of Islam, together with several ammunition trucks.

According to the latest count, the combatants of Islam have captured many of the deceived Ba'thists; so far more than 600, including 11 Iraqi Army officers, have been transferred behind the fronts. Among the prisoners of war is Lt Col Fu'ad, who was captured yesterday by Islam's self-sacrificers.

In these operations, the fast-flying eagles of the air force and army aviation on the southern operational axes brought enemy positions and fortifications under heavy fire and inflicted substantial losses and damage on enemy armor and vehicles. At the moment, clashes continue on the battlefronts and the combative warriors of Islam, in pursuing their mission, continue their battle against duped Ba'thists with reliance on the inexhaustible power of the Almighty.

In the hope that, with the ungrudging support of the ever-wakeful and combative Islamic nation, the combatants of Islam will be able to establish their worthiness in defending the international Islamic revolution and destroying its enemies in order to meet the will of the dear Islam and obey the command and guidance of the commander in chief of the forces, Imam Khomeyni, with his support;

In the hope of the final victory of the combatants of Islam and the liberation of Jerusalem from the claws of occupying Zionism;

With God's help, victory is near.

[Signed] The Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Uniforms Needed

LD151648 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1554 GMT 15 Jul 82

[Statement issued on 15 July by the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps]

[Text] In His exalted name. Following the message from the great leader of the Islamic revolution and commander in chief of the armed forces, His Great Eminence Imam Khomeyni, on the need for the combative Muslim youths to be at the battlefronts in order to defend the Islamic homeland and to liberate the Muslim and oppressed nation of Iraq from the clutches of the Ba'thist-Zionist regime ruling their country, the nation's Hezbollahi are most enthusiastically presenting themselves to the admission centers of the Guards Corps and the Mobilization units and are demanding to be dispatched to the trenches to defend Islam and the Islamic revolution. In view of the large number of the volunteers, the following supply items are required. The Muslim nation, by assisting their brothers and children just as they usually do, can speed up and facilitate the dispatch of our dear combatants to battlefronts, God willing.

1. Khaki uniforms.
2. Army boots.
3. Flasks.
4. Backpacks.
5. Military belts.
6. Cartridge belts.

The revolutionary and ever-vigilant nation, when supplying the above-mentioned items, should ensure that the quality is good and that they are suitable for use by (?our brothers). The items can be handed over to the Guards Corps centers in Tehran and other cities. The Hezbollahi of Tehran can also bring these items to the Friday prayers gathering and hand them to special centers tomorrow.

[Signed] The Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

Iraqis Bomb Dehloran

LD151724 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 15 Jul 82

[Text] According to an IRNA dispatch, three aircraft of the Iraqi Zionist-Ba'thist regime bombed the city of Dehloran at 1100 today in retaliation for the disgraceful defeat suffered by the aggressive Iraqi Army. As a result of this barbaric raid by the Saddamist criminals, two young children were martyred, three women from among nomadic tribes in that city were wounded and a number of houses were damaged.

POW's Moved to Ahvaz

LD151718 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 15 Jul 82

[Text] According to an IRNA dispatch, as of 1625 today 774 prisoners of war captured during the successful Operation Ramadan had been moved to Ahvaz as part of the operation to evacuate Iraqi prisoners to the area behind the front. According to the dispatch, large numbers of Iraqi prisoners are receiving treatment in Ahvaz hospitals. A number of senior officers from the mercenary Iraqi Army have also been captured by the mighty combatants of Islam. The figures for these will be announced subsequently.

Iraqi POW's Support Offensive

GF151737 Tehran IRNA in English 1700 GMT 15 Jul 82

[Text] Mashhad, July 15 IRNA -- Over 7,000 Iraqi POWs, being held in the Khorasan Province's camps, held special ceremonies in support of the heroic invasion of Islamic forces. The POWs announced satisfaction over the pending [as received] entry of Iranian troops into Iraq, and called for an all-out offensive to liberate Iraq, to topple Saddam and establish an Islamic republic there.

Iraqis Bomb Eslamabad, Ilam

GF151725 Tehran IRNA in English 1714 GMT 15 Jul 82

[Text] Bakhtaran, July 15, IRNA -- Iraqi (?fighters) bombarded the town of Eslamabad in Bakhtaran, western Iran, at 11.15 local time today. According to the latest reports, the bodies of 5 martyrs have been taken out of the debris and 62 other wounded civilians were transferred to the town's hospitals. A school was completely destroyed and buildings surrounding it heavily damaged. Following the air raid, operations for extinguishing fires and solving other problems created by the raid commenced under the supervision of the governor general of Eslamabad.

Also this morning a group of Iraqi jet fighters intended to bombard the residential areas and civilians of Ilam, Ilam Province, western Iran, at 9.40 and 10.25 but they were forced to flee due to fire of the air defence of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Wednesday in the brutal air raid of the Iraqi fighters 70 people were wounded and ten other people were martyred in Ilam, among them a seven-year-old refugee. Thirteen other innocent people were wounded in Sarableh, a village near the city of Ilam.

Western Reaction Viewed

LD152122 Tehran IRNA in English 2008 GMT 15 Jul 82

[Text] Tehran, July 15 (IRNA) -- The new Iranian offensive launched on Tuesday night has stirred up much concern in the West and the United States in particular. The West had been hoping that the Iraqi-imposed war would crush the Islamic revolution of Iran, but now after 22 months of heroic resistance put up by the Iranian Armed Forces in the course of the Iraqi imposed war, it sees its hopes have been dashed. Quite contrary to the expectations of the West, the war has brought the Iraqi regime to the verge of collapse.

The recent operation launched by Iran, which have further weakened the Iraqi regime and have prepared the ground for the establishment of the second Islamic republic in the region, has made the Western countries scream that the "security of the Persian Gulf region is in danger".

In fact the security and stability of the region are endangered so long as the reactionary regimes of the region continue their subservience to the United States and contempt for their own peoples since this will lead to their being overthrown by their own people.

While the West is expressing such concerns, an Abu Dhabi newspaper, AL-WAHDAH, in an article said that Iran, by preserving its Islamic ideological line, is ready to establish friendly relations with the countries of the region abstaining from military interference in the affairs of these countries provided these countries end their dependence on the U.S.

There is no doubt that the recent offensive by Iran has worried the supporters of Saddam Husayn who are now closely following the recent developments in the Iraq-Iran war and are studying ways to rescue the Iraqi president, Saddam Husayn.

Tehran Red Alert

LD160646 [Editorial Report] Tehran Domestic Service in Persian at 0635 GMT on 16 July interrupts a program with the following red alert announcement:

"Attention, attention. The signal which you are about to hear is the sign of danger and red alert. It means that an enemy attack will take place. Leave your workplaces and go to the shelters."

This announcement is followed by the sound of a siren.

At 0655 GMT on 16 July the radio carries an all-clear signal and announces that the danger signified by the red alert has passed.

Bushehr Issues Red Alert

GF160625 Bushehr Domestic Service in Persian 0614 GMT 16 Jul 82

[Text] Attention, attention. This is Bushehr, Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Dear listeners and citizens: A red alert condition is announced for the entire province as of this moment. We request you to comply with all the red alert safety regulations. [sound of siren]

Further Bushehr Alert

GF150729 Bushehr Domestic Service in Persian 0713 GMT 16 Jul 82

[Text] Attention, attention. This is Bushehr, Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Dear listeners: According to information received, a red alert condition is announced for the entire province as of this moment. We request you to comply with all the red alert safety regulations. [sound of siren]

Communique Claims Victories

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[Joint communique No 4 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Mohammad, the prophet of God, and those who follow him are harsh with the enemy but merciful among themselves. [Koranic verse] Greetings to noble Jerusalem, the site of the night journey of the blessed prophet. Greetings to Karbala', the goal of the lovers of martyrdom, the bearer of the glad tidings of liberation and salvation and the only way for the liberation of Jerusalem. Greetings to the land of the monotheistic people and greetings to Islam, the school of monotheism and salvation. Greetings to the tyranny-crushing followers of the Islamic ideology. Greetings to the imam of the nation, the great Khomeyni, who, by announcing International Jerusalem Day, called the Muslims to unity and solidarity against Zionism and its aggressive agents and the liberation of the noble Jerusalem from the claws of the enemies of Islam.

Following the extensive Operation Ramadan, which began with the codename of "O Lord of the ages, save me," the heroic forces of Islam continue to rain blows on the deceived forces of Saddam. The forces of the army of Islam, composed of the heroic Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the self-sacrificing guards and the Mobilization units of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, depending upon the assistance of Almighty God and with the support of the prayers of the great imam of the nation and the martyr-nurturing nation, continue their liberating movement and their battle against the conspiracies of America and its Ba'thist-Zionist mercenaries in the Islamic region. They continue their battles in the southern border regions so that, while continuing to repulse the 22-month-old aggressions and crimes of the Ba'thist-Zionist regime of Iraq against the Islamic revolution and achieving the rights of the Islamic nation, they pave the way for the liberation of the Muslim people of the countries of the region from the claws of two aggressive regimes of the 'Afaqites in Iraq and the Zionists in Israel which are dependent upon world arrogance and so that they may bring the ennobling message of Islam as the path for the liberation of the noble Jerusalem and the liberation of the oppressed people of the world to the ears of the people of the world.

Muslim and heroic people of Iran: The self-sacrificing children of Islam, by delivering heavy blows at and inflicting losses on the deceived aggressive forces of Saddam and through liberating their positions and fortifications in the southern border regions, have started consolidating and fortifying their new positions. With complete vigilance they neutralize and strongly crush any enemy movement

Yesterday at 1400 the defeated enemy, gathering its forces and supported by artillery fire, started an extensive counteroffensive in order to regain its lost positions, but it met with the intense and heroic resistance of the fighters of Islam. In this counteroffensive, which took place in two stages, the armed forces of Saddam met with a great defeat and left the battlefield, leaving behind 600 dead or injured. In this clash one enemy tank battalion and one enemy infantry battalion were completely smashed and the fighters of Islam destroyed 48 enemy tanks, 3 personnel carriers and 20 enemy vehicles and captured 3 tanks of the aggressive Ba'thists intact.

One colonel of the Iraqi Ba'thist Armed Forces, who was the commander of one of the enemy units in this counteroffensive, was killed by the fighters of Islam.

Last night the heroic and self-sacrificing forces of Islam infiltrated a number of Iraqi positions, killing a number of the mercenaries of the armed forces of Saddam, destroying 26 tanks and returning safely to their bases.

So far in Operation Ramadan the fighters of Islam, while inflicting heavy blows and casualties on the enemy, have captured a large number of the deceived soldiers of the Iraqi Ba'thist Armed Forces. So far 701 prisoners have been evacuated to behind the fronts. They include 24 officers of the Ba'thist-Zionist Iraqi Armed Forces.

Following the message of the imam of the nation to the armed forces and the people of Iraq, inviting them to join the forces of Islam, 30 of the Muslim Armed Forces of Iraq, instead of being killed for the sake of the whims of a corrupt and dependent person like Saddam, voluntarily took refuge with the forces of Islam yesterday. These people, who had a personnel carrier with them, joined the ranks of truth on one of the axes, chanting "God is great." They were warmly welcomed by the victorious forces of Islam. We hereby ask all the Muslim Iraqi forces who have become aware of the treason of Saddam against the armed forces and oppressed people of Iraq and who have been convinced of the truth of the front of Islam and the Islamic revolution to join their Muslim brothers in the front of truth in any way possible and to put themselves in the secure shelter of Islam and the Islamic revolution.

With God's help victory is near. Hoping for the final victory of Muslims over blasphemy and the liberation of Jerusalem from the claws of occuping Zionism.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps.

FOREIGN MINISTRY RESPONDS TO UN RESOLUTION

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[Text] United Nations, July 15 (IRNA) -- The 22-month-old complete silence of the United Nations Security Council about the Iraqi imposed war on Iran, when Iraq had directed its attacks against Iranian civilians and economic installations in Khuzestan and western Iran, attested to the Security Council's deliberate violation from its responsibilities as set forth in the U.N. Charter, and especially against Article 39 of the Charter. This was announced by Iran's Foreign Ministry Wednesday in its reply to the Security Council's resolution issued recently on the Iraqi imposed war on Iran. Iran's response, submitted to the U.N. secretary-general by the Iranian mission in the U.N., specifically pointed out the violations of the council's resolution vis-a-vis the U.N. Charter.

Quoting Paragraph 2 of Article 24 of the U.N. Charter, (the Security Council shall act in accordance with the purposes and principles of the U.N.), the Foreign Ministry stated the Security Council's measures in 1980 about the Iraqi imposed war on Iran, had been disagreeing with the Charter.

Quoting Paragraph One of Article 33 of the Charter (the parties to any dispute, the continuation of which is likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security, shall, first of all, seek a solution through negotiation, enquiry, mediation, conciliation, arbitration, judicial settlement, resorting to regional agencies of arrangements, or other peaceful means of their own choice), and Paragraph One of Article 37, (should the parties ot a dispute of the nature referred to in Article 33 fail to settle it by the means indicated in that article, they shall refer it to the Security Council), and Paragraph 2 of Article 33 (the Security Council shall, when it deems necessary, call upon the parties to settle their disputes by such means), the Foreign Ministry stressed that a U.N. member country was obliged, due to its obligation to the U.N. Charter, to resort to the said ways and means to solve any dispute prior to resorting to force and invasion, and thus implement Articles 33 and 37.

The ministry then added that it was encumbent on the Security Council to condemn any country which violated the Charter and ask that country to re-establish the conditions existing before the aggression.

The statement of the Foreign Ministry continued that Security Council's Resolution Number 479 has evaded the recognition of the aggressor, has not condemned the aggressor, and has not asked the aggressor to re-establish the conditions prior to the aggression, and hence that resolution, the statement added, was not conforming with the U.N. Charter.

Speaking on the resolution, the statement said it was an effort to endorse Iraq's aggression, and obtrude one-sided peace conditions on Iran, benefitting the Iraqi aggressor.

Acting against Article 39 of the Charter, the statement added, has led to the council's implicit defense of the Iraqi stands. Also, the ministry noted that the council's Resolution Number 514 was in the same line as its aforementioned one, and has not recognised Iran's indisputable right in punishing the war criminals.

Quoting the Iraqi foreign minister as saying that Iraq killed as many Iranians as it wished and destroyed as much as it wanted, the statement added that the Security Council waited for the realisation of that goal of the Iraqi regime, and then issued its resolution to make the Iraqi rulers immune from all punishments.

In conclusion, the statement stressed that this attitude of the Security Council was a prima facie violation of the U.N. Charter and Article 24. Hence the Islamic Republic or Iran deems itself absolved from any measures of the council about the Iraqi imposed war on Iran. Iran will cooperate with the council provided that it would be responsible vis-a-vis the facts and, so far, the council will be held responsible for its heedlessness in this regard.

IRANIAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION LEAVES FOR PRC

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[Text] On the eve of the visit of an economic delegation from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the PRC, the PRC ambassador in Tehran met and conferred with the head of the Iranian economic delegation.

According to a Central News Unit correspondent, the economic delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran left for Beijing tonight in order to clarify the previous economic agreements between Iran and China and strengthen economic and trade relations between the two countries. This economic delegation is headed by Mr 'Abbas 'Ali Zali, deputy minister of agriculture and rural development. Mr Zali was interviewed by our correspondent about the economic delegation's visit to China. [passage indistinct]

AFGHAN REBELS KILL 'LARGE NUMBER' OF TROOPS

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[Text] Zahedan, 12 Jul (IRNA) -- A large number of Soviet forces and Afghan Government forces were killed or wounded in an attack of Muslim mujahidin to a big Soviet Military base, in Panjsher area in Parvan Province in the past few days. The office of the Muslim mujahidin of Afghanistan in Zahedan, reporting this, added that in this attack some 20 of the Afghan Government forces with their arms and munitions [words indistinct] of the mujahidin.

The report further added that groups of Afghan Government forces are joining the mujahidin and that the government and Soviet forces in Panjsher area are under the seige of the mujahidin.

The Afghan mujahidin have been fighting the Soviet-backed regime of Afghanistan since it came to power in 1979.